

has been elected president and trail boss of the North American Family Campers Association [NAFCA] where she and her husband are charter members. Their journeys have taken them all over the United States, making friends wherever they go.

On March 2, 1997, Arthur and Roena celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the vestry of Sanbornton's First Baptist Church.

Mr. President, Arthur and Roena Moses provide an inspiring example of the joys of marriage. I am pleased to congratulate them on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and I wish them luck and happiness in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK H. WINDHAM

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I wish to pay a tribute to an individual who, in his service as a staff member in the U.S. Senate, has exemplified the qualities we all look for in a public servant, colleague, and human being. Patrick H. Windham just completed well over a decade of service in the Senate, always in some association with the Senator of South Carolina, Senator HOLLINGS, whom he holds in such obvious and deep esteem. Pat and his family are relocating to California to begin new professional opportunities. He will be sorely missed here by a wide range of admirers and colleagues in the Senate, the Clinton administration, and the extensive circle of people and organizations concerned with the issues that Pat has been so intensely involved with.

Educated at Stanford and Berkeley, and dubbed the "Godfather of Science and Tech" by colleagues, Pat began his public service career in 1982 as a legislative assistant to Senator HOLLINGS. Two years later, Pat was assigned to the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space and since has served as an invaluable senior advisor on this extensive range of issues to various members of the committee. Over the years, Pat has served with strong loyalty to the Senate and dedication to the public policy interests of the country as a whole.

My relationship with Pat stems from my own service as a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, and when I became chairman of the Science Subcommittee. With Pat assigned to the subcommittee, we have worked closely for years on legislative endeavors and the issues that fall in this jurisdiction. No one matches Pat's breadth of expertise, professional dedication, and personal commitment. I feel highly fortunate to be the beneficiary of his extensive talent and contributions.

Pat Windham's involvement in science and technology policy and legislation could fill volumes. Pat was instrumental in the 1988 conversion of the National Bureau of Standards [NBS] into the National Institute of Standards and Technology [NIST]. He

strongly advocated expanding the mission of the old NBS. Thanks in large part to Pat Windham, NIST's mission now explicitly includes enhancing the competitiveness of American companies by providing appropriate governmental support for industry's development of precompetitive generic technologies and diffusing Government-developed technological advances to use in all segments of the American economy. Pat has tirelessly continued his involvement in framing NIST's role in U.S. policy in today's era of cutbacks.

Pat also contributed heavily to the development of The Advanced Technology Program [ATP] and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership [MEP]. Each of these programs grew out of real concerns over the competitiveness of American companies in the global marketplace. Created by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, ATP encourages public and private cooperation in the development of precompetitive technologies with broad application across industries. Pat argued fiercely for retaining this successful program in the face of last Congress' attempt at eliminating this public-private industrial partnership. His dedication to these issues certainly contributed to the President's support of the ATP program, and its continued success. The Clinton administration's strong support of a program led to an increase in ATP funding in fiscal year 1997. And, today, the ATP awards almost 300 public-private partnership projects.

Pat Windham's contributions do not end here. He has been involved in technology-related projects including efforts promoting national metric conversion. He has steadfastly encouraged and promoted the translation of Japanese scientific and technological documents for use by scientists and engineers across the globe. His public policy concerns also have included legislative efforts to ensure that foreign-component parts meet U.S. standards for quality.

The Senate, and that includes me in particular, will miss Pat and his superb abilities as we address the vital issues in which he has been part. His dedication and loyalty have served as a role model for all those around him. On behalf of my own staff and myself, I offer good wishes to him and feel confident Pat will continue making a vital contribution to his fellow citizens and the country in his next chapter.

CONGRATULATING STUDENTS FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES ACADEMY IN MIAMI, FL

● Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate some very bright and promising students from the State of Florida who visited our Nation's Capitol last week to participate in the "We the People * * *" nationwide championship on the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights. I am pleased to announce that students attending the Our

Lady of Lourdes Academy in Miami finished in first place.

At the 3-day competition, students demonstrated their knowledge of the Constitution, U.S. history, and current issues facing our Nation. Their diligent preparation and impressive demonstration of their knowledge propelled them to first place.

Led by their teacher, Rosie Hefferman, the following students competed on behalf of the Our Lady of Lourdes Academy: Melissa Alvarez, Sonia Borell, Jackie Chisholm, Annette Comas, Caroline DePosada, Dania Fyffe, Vanessa Harries, Jaqui Lage, Carolina Latour, Alicia Llosa, Giselle Perez, Jennifer Rodriguez, and Caroline Ulvert. I would also like to recognize the district coordinator, John Doyle, and the State coordinator, Annette Boyd Pitts.

I extend my sincere congratulations to these fine students, their families, and their teachers. They worked hard to achieve this impressive goal. Their parents and teachers long realized that education is an investment in our future and critical to our Nation's growth, and these students have acted on that sentiment. Students around the country should view their accomplishment as an inspiration as they seek to achieve their own goals.

I hope the students from Our Lady of Lourdes Academy enjoyed their experience while visiting Washington, DC, and that they will continue striving to excel in their studies. I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.●

JAMES R. THOMAS, JR.

● Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to recognize James R. Thomas Jr., a civil engineer from Salisbury, MD, which I am proud to say is my hometown. Jim, who commands universal respect as a leader in both his profession and his community, will be installed on May 14 as president of the American Consulting Engineers Council.

As managing partner of the Salisbury engineering and architectural firm, George, Miles & Buhr, Jim's reputation as a dynamic and capable, yet modest, leader precedes him as he assumes the helm of the Nation's largest professional association focusing on the business interests of consulting engineers.

ACEC is comprised of 52 State and regional member organizations and represents 5,500 independent firms, which employ almost 200,000 professionals nationwide.

No stranger to ACEC, Jim served as a national director, then vice president, prior to his selection last year as president-elect. He has advanced steadily through the ranks of the organization, first with the Consulting Engineers Council of Maryland [CEC/MD], where he served in all the leadership posts, from secretary to president. His strong commitment to these professional organizations is clearly evident.

Jim has spent the last 28 years at George, Miles & Buhr, the largest civil

engineering firm on the Delmarva Peninsula. The firm, which employs about 50 people, specializes in water and wastewater treatment systems and devotes 80 percent of its time to engineering projects. In 1993, George, Miles & Buhr received Engineering Excellence Awards from both ACEC and CEC/MD for its design of a biological nutrient removal demonstration plant at the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant in Baltimore.

In addition to his professional achievements, Jim is a most dedicated and effective public servant.

His pro bono work on a crisis center for battered spouses earned him the honor of Rotarian of the Year in 1995. He is currently a director of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Jim has served as president of the board at Trinity United Methodist Church and as a member of the boards of the Peninsula Regional Medical Center, the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, and the Salisbury-Wicomico Economic Development Corp. He has also been a long-time supporter of the Holly Center Foundation for the severely retarded.

As a parent and strong supporter of the public school system, Jim has served as president of the PTA's of both Fruitland Elementary and Bennett Middle Schools, where he and his wife, Kaye, sent their three children Andy, Tricia, and Betsy. For his efforts, the Maryland PTA gave Jim the Gold Seal Award.

Jim also has been honored by the Governor's Salute to Excellence. Both the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore and the Holly Center Foundation have named him Volunteer of the Year. These honors are only a sampling of the many he has received in a lifetime of stellar community service.

A native of Cambridge, MD, and a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, where he earned his B.S. in civil engineering, the Salisbury community is truly fortunate to have claimed Jim Thomas for its own.

As ACEC's next president, Jim follows in the footsteps of another Marylander, Andrew J. Parker Jr., who was ACEC president from 1990-91. Liking the ACEC position to that of CEO of a large corporation—without the pay—Parker praised the leadership abilities of his Salisbury colleague last week.

Mr. President, in a newspaper interview, Jim Thomas said that his activism in ACEC is rooted in a desire "to give something back" to the profession. Clearly, he has already done so and, now, as president of the ACEC, he will have a further opportunity to make a contribution. It is gratifying to see him accorded this national recognition. I wish him continued success in this, and all of his future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE SYLVESTER ON HER RETIREMENT

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute

to Geraldine Sylvester of Dover on her retirement after 25 years of service to Dover and the State of New Hampshire. Geraldine has ended a distinguished career as a State health leader, city councilor, businesswoman, educator and mother.

Gerry has been my friend for more than a decade. She grew up in Milton and graduated from Nute High School. She and her husband Bob raised 5 daughters and 2 sons and now have 16 grandchildren.

Geraldine served seven consecutive terms as a Dover city councilor beginning in 1970. In 1974-75 she also served as mayor. Geraldine officially retired as director of New Hampshire's Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention in December 1996, which was the single State authority for substance abuse problems in New Hampshire. Geraldine was appointed to this post in 1983 by former Gov. John Sununu, and continued her service under Governors Judd Gregg and Steve Merrill.

Gerry is a woman of many talents who approaches any challenge with determination. She served in miscellaneous local, State, and Federal positions, such as the National Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Mental Health Problems. In 1980 she was a delegate to the National Republican Convention, chairwoman of the New Hampshire Small Business Advisory Council in 1978, and from 1976 to 1981 she became trustee of the New Hampshire Youth Development Center.

Gerry and Bob are also humanitarians. Their compassion is illustrated in the fact that, for 12 years, the Sylvester home was a group home for physically and emotionally distraught minors in the seacoast of New Hampshire.

Gerry and Bob founded GFS Manufacturing in 1971 in the garage of their house. Through the energy, dedication, and drive of Gerry and her family, the business grew and prospered. In 1978 they were named citizens of the year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. President, Geraldine Sylvester has dedicated her time, talent, and energy to serving the residents of Dover in an exemplary way. I am proud to honor her outstanding community commitment, which is so important to the future and prosperity of Dover. We are indeed indebted to Gerry for her efforts. I thank her for her 25 years of dedicated service, commend her for an extraordinary job and say that I am privileged to call her my friend. I wish her every happiness and health for the years to come as she embraces retirement.●

THE GOOD WORK OF FOUR BIG TIMBER GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I am very proud today to tell my colleagues in the Senate about four students from my home State of Montana: Ariel Over-

street, Amber Overstreet, Lindsey Hauge, and Taylor Gray. These young Montanans won first place in two separate NASA-sponsored national contests. Ariel took first place in the Intergalactic Art Contest in which she had to draw an original piece of art. Amber, Lindsey, and Taylor made up a team that took first place in the Future Aircraft/Spacecraft design competition. I congratulate them on their achievements.

These students have proven what most of us in Montana have known all along. Montana students are some of the brightest and best educated students in the country. And while we are proud of our students, we know that a lot of the credit must go to devoted teachers like Rolland Karlin and concerned parents like Anne Overstreet. These are the people behind the scenes who make sure that the education our children receive is top-notch.

Ariel, Amber, Lindsey, and Taylor are now visiting Washington, as part of their award. I was pleased to have a chance to meet them. They are fine representatives of Montana and their community of Big Timber.

Later on in their trip, these four youngsters will be visiting NASA's space camp. I hope that the opportunity to view NASA technology up close will feed their active minds.

Congratulations Ariel, Amber, Lindsey, and Taylor. I hope you enjoy your trip. And that you never lose your desire to achieve your dreams.●

ORDER FOR MEASURE TO BE PRINTED—S. 104

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 104, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997, as passed by the Senate on April 15, 1997, be printed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNIZING SUICIDE AS A NATIONAL PROBLEM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 84, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 84) recognizing suicide as a national problem, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.